

I. Population

Louisiana population figures provide a frame of reference for examining the vital events that occur within the resident population. The state's population is a function of the number of births, deaths, and migrations into and out of the state. The total population and the populations of sex, race, and age subgroups are used to calculate the rates at which births, illnesses, and deaths occur in these respective groups.

The total population in Louisiana has generally increased each year since 1945. In the late 1980s, though, Louisiana experienced a net population loss, primarily because of migration out of the state. Population estimates for 1997 place the number of Louisiana residents at 4,351,759. The United States' population is, as a whole, slightly older than Louisiana's population. In both the United States and Louisiana, the proportion of women to men increases as the populations age. In Louisiana, blacks represent 32% of the population, whereas in the United States as a whole, blacks comprise less than 13% of the population.

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Table 1.1: Louisiana Population, 1945-1997

Year	Population	Year	Population	Year	Population
1945	2,429,000	1963	3,377,000	1981	4,283,303
1946	2,556,000	1964	3,446,000	1982	4,352,608
1947	2,579,000	1965	3,496,000	1983	4,395,316
1948	2,596,000	1966	3,550,000	1984	4,400,477
1949	2,634,000	1967	3,581,000	1985	4,408,118
1950	2,697,000	1968	3,603,000	1986	4,406,919
1951	2,769,000	1969	3,619,000	1987	4,344,148
1952	2,842,000	1970	3,644,637	1988	4,288,863
1953	2,866,000	1971	3,710,487	1989	4,252,894
1954	2,883,000	1972	3,761,646	1990	4,217,362
1955	2,946,000	1973	3,788,375	1991	4,241,224
1956	3,032,000	1974	3,820,109	1992	4,273,734
1957	3,115,000	1975	3,886,104	1993	4,290,100
1958	3,155,000	1976	3,950,605	1994	4,314,630
1959	3,208,000	1977	4,014,459	1995	4,338,072
1960	3,260,000	1978	4,068,579	1996	4,350,759
1961	3,287,000	1979	4,137,665	1997	4,351,769
1962	3,345,000	1980	4,205,900		

Source: United States Census Bureau

**Table 1.2: Population Counts by Sex, Race, and Age Groups 0 to 49 Years
Louisiana, 1997**

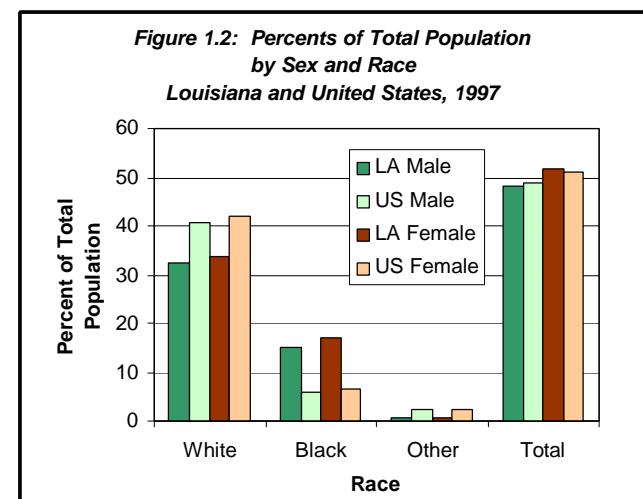
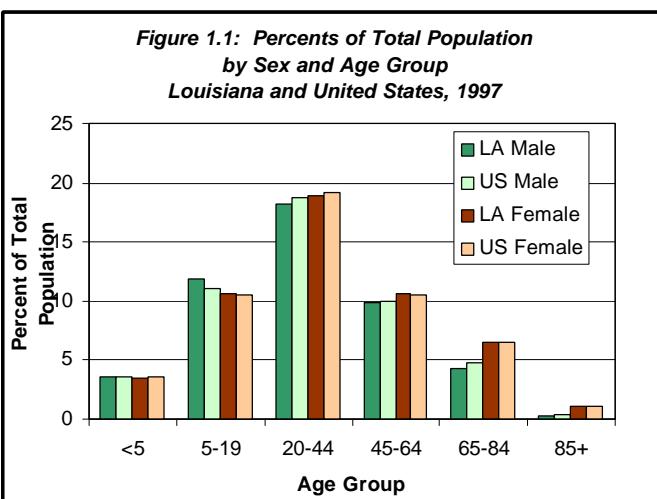
Sex	Race	Age Groups 0-49									
		0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Male	White	92464	95806	101082	109796	99896	98344	102700	118456	117760	102707
	Black	64007	65604	66589	71007	56366	44524	44326	47026	46085	37268
	Other	3381	3171	3359	3541	3412	3001	2870	2908	2665	2316
Female	White	88256	91640	96305	104742	96774	100675	102847	117355	116580	103679
	Black	62365	63600	65130	72308	61883	50800	51723	56002	55192	46924
	Other	3227	2922	3160	3462	3147	3186	2745	2956	2893	2711

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1997 Population Estimates

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Table 1.3: Population Counts by Sex, Race, and Age Groups 50 to 85+ Years Louisiana, 1997										
Sex	Race	Age Groups 50-85+								Total
		50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	
Male	White	87218	69265	60116	50395	43585	31091	17277	10609	1408567
	Black	26616	20943	17541	15326	11775	8531	4904	4088	652526
	Other	1694	1269	944	596	444	284	184	157	36196
Female	White	90957	73790	65379	61277	56586	46626	31557	28741	1473766
	Black	34354	28504	24437	21673	17017	13759	8907	9349	743927
	Other	1894	1358	1075	753	536	329	207	226	36787

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1997 Population Estimates



Source: United States Census Bureau, 1997 Population Estimates

Table 1.4: Percents of Total Population by Sex and Age Group Louisiana and United States, 1997								
Location	Sex	Age Group						All Ages
		<5	5-19	20-44	45-64	65-84	85+	
LA	Male	3.6	11.9	18.2	9.8	4.2	0.3	48.2
	Female	3.5	11.6	19.0	10.9	6.0	0.9	51.8
	Both	7.2	23.5	37.1	20.7	10.2	1.2	100.0
US	Male	3.6	11.1	18.8	10.0	4.8	0.4	48.8
	Female	3.5	10.6	18.9	10.7	6.5	1.0	51.2
	Both	7.1	21.7	37.7	20.7	11.3	1.5	100.0

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1997 Population Estimates

Table 1.5: Percents of Total Population by Race and Sex Louisiana and United States, 1997					
Location	Sex	Race			Total
		White	Black	Other	
LA	Male	32.4	15.0	0.8	48.2
	Female	33.9	17.1	0.8	51.8
	Both	66.3	32.1	1.6	100.0
US	Male	40.6	6.0	2.3	48.8
	Female	42.1	6.7	2.4	51.2
	Both	82.7	12.7	4.7	100.0

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1997 Population Estimates

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Table 1.6: Louisiana Population, 1997

Parish	1997 Estimate	Parish	1997 Estimate
Acadia	57,703	Madison	13,372
Allen	24,079	Morehouse	31,722
Ascension	70,328	Natchitoches	37,896
Assumption	22,866	Orleans	472,948
Avoyelles	41,102	Ouachita	147,177
Beauregard	31,440	Plaquemines	25,965
Bienville	15,707	Pointe Coupee	23,532
Bossier	93,752	Rapides	127,855
Caddo	244,943	Red River	9,873
Calcasieu	178,654	Richland	20,421
Caldwell	10,162	Sabine	23,769
Cameron	9,171	St. Bernard	66,927
Catahoula	10,775	St. Charles	47,308
Claiborne	17,132	St. Helena	9,715
Concordia	20,748	St. James	21,569
DeSoto	25,406	St. John	42,035
East Baton Rouge	396,331	St. Landry	82,705
East Carroll	9,239	St. Martin	46,555
East Feliciana	20,828	St. Mary	57,363
Evangeline	34,397	St. Tammany	180,692
Franklin	22,324	Tangipahoa	95,283
Grant	18,801	Tensas	6,733
Iberia	71,546	Terrebonne	102,197
Iberville	31,149	Union	21,727
Jackson	15,536	Vermilion	51,318
Jefferson	453,160	Vernon	47,229
Jefferson Davis	31,523	Washington	43,736
Lafayette	181,363	Webster	42,607
Lafourche	88,060	West Baton Rouge	20,472
LaSalle	14,081	West Carroll	12,199
Lincoln	42,376	West Feliciana	13,505
Livingston	83,487	Winn	17,195

Source: LA Tech University

